



September 24, 2023, 9:55 AM

**WORSHIP MUSIC**

I Saw The Light  
Sweeter as the Day Goes By  
He Knows Just What I Need  
Blessed Be Your Name

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Give Me Jesus  
Home (The Arms of God)  
*Joshua Wortham*

**SCRIPTURE**

Mark 5:1-20 (CEB)

**MESSAGE**

Loving Beyond Our Side of the Lake  
*Pastor Nathan Decker*

*Having trouble seeing the screen? Just ask an usher for a copy of today's large print song lyrics.*

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## **Chester United Methodist Church**

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**FRESH START SERVICE**  
September 24, 2023—8:30 AM



*Please sign the teal attendance pad and pass it to your neighbor.*

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Glory to God Forever  
Blessed Be Your Name  
Power of Your Love  
Whom Shall I Fear

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A Service of Worship and Praise  
11:00 AM

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
after Pentecost

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Welcome, Announcements, History Moment, and Greeting

Prelude

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Pianist

\* Call to Worship

\* Hymn No. 381

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*Stanzas 1, 2, & 4*

\* Affirmation of Faith No. 887

\* Gloria Patri No. 70

**Glory be to the father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Special Music

*Give Me Jesus*

Joshua Wortham

Why We Give

Offertory

*Broken and Beautiful*

Chancel Choir

\* Doxology No. 94

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

Children's Message

Juliana Paradie

Hymn No. 479

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Scripture

*Mark 5:1-20*

*CEB*

Sermon

*Loving Beyond Our Side of the Lake*

Rev. Nathan Decker

Reflection

\* Hymn No. 707

*Hymn of Promise*

\* Benediction

\* Choral Amen

Chancel Choir

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\* *Please stand as you are able.* **Bold print indicates a response in unison.**

**Mental Health Crisis Line:** 9-8-8, can be accessed from anywhere in Virginia

**Mental Health America Warm Line:** Peer Run warm line, hours and days listed below:  
1-866-400-MHAV (6428) Mon to Fri 9 AM to 9 PM, Sat, Sun and Holidays 5 PM to 9 PM,  
Spanish Services every Fri and Sat, 5 PM to 9 PM, call or text: Text /Chat Support, 5 PM to 9 PM  
Wed, Fri & Sat.

**LGBTQ Crisis Line:** The Trevor Project, 24/7 Suicide Hotline for LGBTQ Youth, we're here  
for you now. Phone 866-488-7386 Text: 678-6786 <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/explore/>

**10 Ways Families can Support Each Other:** <https://copakids.com/>

**Emotions Identification:** Understanding, Detecting, and Talking About Feelings | More Good  
Days – Parenting Blog. <https://gooddayswithkids.com/>

**Signs of Anxiety in Children:** Signs your child may have anxiety <https://www.nhsinform>

**Signs of Depression in Children and Adolescents:** Important Signs of Child/Teen Depression  
and How To Turn Things Around — Invictus Psychological Services <https://forresttalley.com/>

**Warning Signs of Suicide:** 5 warning signs of suicide <https://dignitypledge.com/>

## CALENDAR

*September 24 – October 1, 2023*

Today	8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM 8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH 9:45 AM Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 Adult SS-Various Ruth Bible Study-Annex 9:55 AM The Bridge-DFH 11:00 AM Traditions Service-DFH 12:15 PM Fiber Friends-205 Bridge Builders-116 5:00 PM Koinonia Communion Training-DFH 6:30 PM Play ‘N’ Share-Point of Rocks Park	Thurs: 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl-Parlor 4:00 PM Greenleigh CDT-Google 6:30 PM In the Midst of Trouble-116 7:00 PM ESL Intro and Level 1  Fri: Sat: 9:00 AM Church Work Day 10:00 AM Strum & Smile-Music Suite
Mon:	9:00 AM Stephen Leaders-116 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Preschool Board -116	<b>Next Sunday: October 1 -Wear Purple For                  Domestic Violence                  Awareness</b>  8:15 AM Nursery until 12 PM 8:30 AM Fresh Start Service-DFH 9:30 AM Nutshell Class-Parlor 9:45 AM Sun Sch PreK-107 Sun Sch Gr K-5-206 Adult SS-Various
Tues:	10:30 AM Joy Singers-Music Suite 3:00 PM Rest Stop-Annex 7:00 PM ESL Intro and Level 1	9:55 AM The Bridge-DFH 11:00 AM Traditions Service- Sanctuary 12:00 PM Key Club Board-116
Wed:	12:00 PM Bulletin Deadline 6:00 PM SPRC Meeting-226 7:00 PM Chancel Choir-Music Suite	

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERMON TITLE</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE</u>
Sept. 24	Loving beyond Our Side of the Lake	Mark 5:1-20 CEB
Oct. 1 *	Humbly Serving the Well-Being of Others	Philippians 2:1-13 NIV

*\* Indicates that we will celebrate Holy Communion*

**Online Giving:** To contribute online, scan the QR code with your smartphone or visit [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org) and click “Online Giving.”



***We are truly blessed if you are a guest who has chosen to worship with us today!  
First-time guests are invited to pick up a blue Welcome Bag from the Atrium or  
Narthex. Thank you for celebrating the Lord with us today!***

**Our Parish Nurse**, Cindy Webb is available today, 9:00 AM, *New Location, Room 105.*

**Nutshell Class**: *Today, September 24, 2023, at 9:30-10:30, Parlor.* Would you like to know more about our Church? Are you thinking about joining Chester United Methodist Church? Are you looking for a Mission that will help you better “connect” to God and our Church? If you answer yes to any of these questions, we invite you to come to the Nutshell Class.

POC: Joan Osborne ([josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com))

**Kid’s Koinonia Communion Training**: *Tonight, September 24, 5:00 PM.* A time of art, craft, experience, and growth. Kids will have time with Pastor Nathan exploring how God loves us through bread, juice, and Jesus. On Sunday, October 1, during Communion at the Fresh Start Worship Service, the kids will assist serving the congregation the bread and cup. POC: Pastor Nathan

**Bridge Builders-Jail Ministry**: *Today, September 24, 12:15 PM, Room 116, “Acceptance is the Answer”.* Would you like to join us as we look to strengthen our Jail Ministry with the Chesterfield County HARP (Helping Addicts Recover Progressively) program? Are you a disciple who sees the value in all people and feels called to build relationships in the community which fosters understanding and appreciation of our differences? Bridges Builders meets Sunday, POC: Maureen Coker ([mcoker2003@comcast.net](mailto:mcoker2003@comcast.net))

**Play 'N' Share**: *Today, September 24, 6:30 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays), Point of Rocks Park playground (201 Enon Church Rd, Chester).* A fresh expression of church in which we go where people are gathering in our community. POC: Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

**Grace in the Midst of Trouble**: *Thursday, September 28-October 26, 6:30 PM, Room 116.* You are invited to join in a weekly study that will explore God’s grace in the lives of 6 Old Testament characters who find themselves out of sync with God. For six weeks we will explore how God interacts with these fallible characters with grace while at the same time holding them accountable for their actions. POC: Stan Hargraves ([stanhargraves@vaumc.org](mailto:stanhargraves@vaumc.org))

**CHURCH WORKDAY, Saturday, September 30**: Our Trustees have prepared a list of cleanup and maintenance jobs (for all ages) that need attention around our facility. Please join us at 9:00 AM on Saturday morning as we spruce up the church.

**KEEP IN PRAYER:** The family of Judy Thomas; Amanda Clark; Marie Perdue; Bill Burton; family of Matt Coyner; Trudy Milian; Martha Schulman; Jim Lewis; Leroy Millar; Ella Hilton; Erika Hilton; Lynn & Tom McHugh; Nathan Rutledge; family of Captain Jason Ware; family of Keith Harper; Louise Sheets; Peggy Meehan; E.J. Walters; Hailey Wilde; Becky Kirkman; Carol Davis; Nancy Corbin; Ruth DeVore; Rev. Eddie and Becky Leonard; Dee Watkins; Malcom & Dollie Stone; Lynda Richardson; Jo Kiser; Kitty Lipscomb; Clara Gestwick.

**Our Presence September 17, 2023**

8:30 Fresh Start Service.....	156
9:55 The Bridge Service.....	46
11:00 Traditions Service.....	67
Online.....	36
<b>Total Worship Attendance.....</b>	<b>305</b>

**CHESTER UMC ONLINE RESOURCES**

- **Website:** [www.chesterumc.org](http://www.chesterumc.org).
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChesterUnitedMethodistChurch/>.
- **Facebook Closed Group:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChesterUMC/>.
- **Daily Email News:** Visit <http://eepurl.com/blV9Tv> to subscribe.
- **Daily Devotionals from Pastor Nathan:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/BetterTogether.Devos/>.
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/ChesterUMC>.
- **Prayer Chain Email:** to subscribe or to submit a prayer request, email Michelle at [office@chesterumc.org](mailto:office@chesterumc.org) with “Prayer Chain” or “Prayer Request” in the subject line.
- **CUMC Library Catalog:** <https://16538.rmwebopac.com> (password: CUMC). Search for titles, peruse our inventory, and much more. POC: Ron Dombrowski ([rmachachi@aol.com](mailto:rmachachi@aol.com)).
- **The Chimes** – Submit items to [assistant@chesterumc.org](mailto:assistant@chesterumc.org) no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of January, March, May, July, **September**, and November.

**Leading Our Worship TODAY, September 24, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Andy & Eileen Steck	
	<b>9:55</b> Ed & Marian Garret	
	<b>11:00</b> Janis Hargrave, Will Schmidt	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Gordon Jones*, Bill Comer	* Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b> Gordon Morris*, JR Irvin	
	<b>11:00</b> Gary Williams*, Bob Kutz, Emory Large, Don Schmidt, Kay Williams	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	

**Rest Stop** is a Chester UMC after school program designed to provide rest and encouragement to at-risk youth from Thomas Dale High School. Our regular activities include snacks, conversation, homework, tutoring, games, outdoor activities and dinner. Do you have a special gift to share with these young people or just an abundance of love to give? A small faithful team is assembled to support this ministry, but you are encouraged to join the effort! Contact REST STOP Team Leader Susan Petrey, 804/938-5396, for more information or to volunteer.

**Red Cross Blood Drive:** *Wednesday, October 11, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM*, DFH. All blood types are needed. To make an appointment to donate blood, please visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=chesterumcva>

**THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)** Call Susan Petrey, 938-5396, to learn more about UMW, our two participating fellowships, and how you can become involved.

- **Jean Craig Fellowship:** will meet on Monday, November 6, 7:00 p.m. in room 205 to assemble CCHASM Thanksgiving Dinners. We welcome any women who are looking for an evening circle. Susan Petrey, 938-5396.
- **Ada Mae Bookman Fellowship: Fellowship:** will meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 12. We welcome any women who are looking for a morning circle. Martha Miles 804/748-5476

**Salad Luncheon:** *Sunday, October 15 immediately following 11:00 AM worship.* All women of the church are invited to a luncheon meeting of the UMW. Lynn Crump will talk about CUMC's recent UMWIM mission trips to repair flood damage in Grundy in southwest Virginia. Bring a small donation to benefit the next UMWIM trip, a salad or dessert to share. The Jean Craig Fellowship will host. POC: Susan Petrey 938-5396.

**Seed Swap:** *October 1, following the 11:00 service* in the Fellowship Hall. It's party 'Thyme'. Fall planting is here! Do you have more bean, squash, or pea seeds than you know what to do with? Bring your extra bulbs, thinned out plants, downsized houseplants, or what have you to church. 'Lettuce' come together, green thumbs and black thumbs, take a 'Leaf' of faith - swap seeds, trade plants, try something new, and talk dirt. You don't have to bring anything to attend. All are welcome to the abundance. POC: Katey McCarney (804-402-0084)

**Leading Our Worship Next Sunday, October 1, 2023**

<b>Greeters:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Bill & Karen Comer	
	<b>9:55</b> Cathy Epps	
	<b>11:00</b> Hunter & Martha Miles	
<b>Ushers:</b>	<b>8:30</b> Gordon Morris*, Ron Dombrowski	* Head Usher
	<b>9:55</b> Jim Watkins*, Andrew Brummette	
	<b>11:00</b> Gordon Jones*, Geoff LeSueur, Jeff Marlin, Willie, Orton, Tom Petrey	
<b>Nursery:</b>	<b>8:30, 9:55, 11:00</b> Staff Members, Carla Adams, Jessica Hargraves	



## SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

**Children's Sunday School:** 9:45 AM. Pre-K (Rm. 107); Grades K-5 (Rm. 206).

POC: Pastor Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

**Middle and High School Youth Sunday School:** 9:45 AM, Annex Loft;

POC: Pastor Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

**Adult Small Group Bible Study:** 9:45 AM, Room 213 "Our Pad" facilitated by Jeff Marlin

POC: Jeff Marlin ([jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.marlinabd@gmail.com))

**Fresh Start Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM, Room 221; Visitors and new members are welcome.

POC: Susan Petrey, 804-938-5396

**Friendship Ministry Class:** 10:40 AM, Room 116, for adults who are cognitively challenged.

POC: Mari and Dan Hayes ([JLMinNaples@msn.com](mailto:JLMinNaples@msn.com))

**The Gathering Small Group:** 9:45 AM, Room 205; We will begin the video series entitled, "Sacred Parenting. How Raising Children Shapes Our Souls". Join us for a time of study and fellowship with other young families. POCs: Brion & Sonja Seward and Andrew Brummette.

**Journey Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM, Annex and Google Meet

(<https://meet.google.com/ptm-pieh-vve>) Pastor Chad will be leading a three-week study on the Book of Ruth. September 10, 17, & 24. POCs: Carolyn Landis([landisfamily05@gmail.com](mailto:landisfamily05@gmail.com)); Eric Hougland ([ehougland88@gmail.com](mailto:ehougland88@gmail.com))

**Seekers Sunday School Class:** 9:40 AM, Room 226. Oct.1 - Nov. 26, We will be using a new study book, *Spiritual Warfare*, by Jack Kuhatschek. Lessons include: Facing Temptation, The War Within, and Surviving Satan's Attacks. These studies will deepen our understanding of our supernatural struggles and direct us towards sources of power and hope.

POC: Barbara MacIntyre ([telluwhatbarbara@aim.com](mailto:telluwhatbarbara@aim.com))

**Senior Singles Sunday School Class:** 9:45 AM, Parlor; (*Exception-on Sept. 17 & Sept. 24- meet in the music suite*) POC: Cynthia Corley ([cacorley@ctsi.net](mailto:cacorley@ctsi.net))

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**Fiber Friends:** (*resumes September 24*) Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays at 12:15-1:45 PM; Room 205. We are knitters, crocheters, rug hookers, people who sew, macrame, embroider, and more! Bring friends. Grandchildren are welcome. We bring a bag lunch and any treats we feel like sharing. POC is Beth Powner, 804-586-0735 or [knit9grammy@gmail.com](mailto:knit9grammy@gmail.com).

**Play 'N' Share:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 6:30 PM, Point of Rocks Park playground (*201 Enon Church Rd, Chester*). A fresh expression of church in which we go where people are gathering in our community. POC: Chad Beck ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org))

**Middle & High School Youth Meetings:** Resumes today, Sunday, September 17, 4:00 PM, Annex Loft; Meets on scheduled Sundays; for rising 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Join in study, missions, and fun! POC: Jennifer Brame ([youthleaders@chesterumc.org](mailto:youthleaders@chesterumc.org))

## OTHER SMALL GROUPS

**Faith Keepers Women's Prayer Group:** *Mondays, 9:00 AM* at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Julie Ferry ([juliejerry@gmail.com](mailto:juliejerry@gmail.com))

**Village People Study, Socialize, & Service Group:** *3<sup>rd</sup> Monday* at 2:00 PM, Community Room at Chester Village Senior APTS (11701 Chester Village DR).

**Joy Singers:** *Tuesdays, at 10:30 AM* in the Music Suite. Rehearsals for our retired folks. This group sings for local nursing home residents and community groups.  
POC: Joshua Wortham.

**Chancel Choir** rehearsals, *Wednesdays, 7:00 PM*. Singers of all skill levels are welcome to join!  
POC: Joshua Wortham

**Handbell Choirs** for adults are coming back! *Wednesdays* at 10:30 AM and 5:45 PM. Start date TBA. POC: Joshua Wortham

**Thursday Morning Men's Group:** *Thursdays, 7:30 AM* at Grants Coffee Co. (11884 Chester Village DR). POC: Gordon Morris ([gordo1545@aim.com](mailto:gordo1545@aim.com))

**Women's Fellowship Luncheon:** *3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 1:00 PM* at a local restaurant.  
POC: Joan Osborne ([josbor61@gmail.com](mailto:josbor61@gmail.com))

**Prayer Shawl Group:** *Thursdays, 1:30 PM*, Church Parlor or you can work on your project at home. All are invited to join us! We can provide yarn and will happily teach you how to knit or crochet.  
POCs: Beverly Trevillian (804-337-2367); Betty Stone ([wva\\_lady@verizon.net/804-914-0433](mailto:wva_lady@verizon.net/804-914-0433))

**Women's Christian Book Club:** Meets on 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 6:30 PM at the Annex Loft. You have a month to read each book before we gather to discuss it.  
POC: Jennifer Brame ([jrbrooksiee@gmail.com](mailto:jrbrooksiee@gmail.com))

**Suenos: Health and Safety for Latino Families:** *October 6, and 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month, 6:30-8:00 PM*, in Davis Fellowship Hall. A variety of topics related to health and safety, as well as food from different regions, will be presented at each gathering. Childcare provided. POC: Pastor Chad

**Strum and Smile:** Meets every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. in the CUMC Music Suite. This is a group of guys and gals who play stringed instruments with no intention of performing. All levels of play are welcome! We will learn from one another, share in a reading of a Psalm, and grow together in Christ as we strum, pick, smile, and let loose in a variety of musical madness. POC: Keith Woods

**Communion Servers:** This ministry is growing, and we'd love to include you! Youth and adult volunteers are invited to help the pastors serve communion. Training is provided as needed. Scheduling is based on your availability. POC: Beth Stewart -Text and indicate service time preference (919-210-2220 / [bethstew@gmail.com](mailto:bethstew@gmail.com)).

**Blessing of the Animals Service:** *Sunday, October 1, 2023, 2:00 PM*, St. John's Episcopal Church, 12201 Richmond Street, Chester, warmly invites our friends from Chester United Methodist Church to join us to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis, the patron saint of the animals. Please join us with your pets secured in a carrier or on a leash in the St. John's courtyard. In the spirit of caring for our four legged friends, we will be collecting clean old towels and blankets to donate to the Chesterfield Animal Shelter. We welcome everyone from the community to participate in this very special occasion for our pets.

**Lutheran Church of Our Saviour 24th Annual Craft Fair:** *Saturday, October 21, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM*. All items are made or donated by members of the congregation.

**Family Game Night:** *Saturday, October 21, 6:00 PM*; There will be pizza, fun and games for the whole family. POC: Charlotte Brummette ([Charl208@yahoo.com](mailto:Charl208@yahoo.com) / 804-833-1174)

**Living Waters District Charge Conference:** Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 PM at CUMC. The Charge Conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the Church Council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the Church Council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.

**Learning Spanish as Church Hospitality!** *Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 PM*, beginning October 10th. Have fun learning to speak some basic Spanish while sharing faith and church hospitality with Latino children and families. Sponsored by Sueños. POC: Pastor Chad ([chadbeck@chesterumc.org](mailto:chadbeck@chesterumc.org)) / Vince D'Agostino ([vdagos@comcast.net](mailto:vdagos@comcast.net)).

**Homecoming Sunday:** Sunday, October 8, following the 11:00 AM worship service. We invite you, and all that grew up at Chester UMC, to a Homecoming as we continue to celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Mark your calendars and join us for this event! We will convene in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch. Fried chicken will be provided by the History Committee. The scrapbooks showing how our church evolved over the years will be on display with other historic memorabilia. POC: Mary Musselwhite (804) 330-0014



**Whaley Pecans Annual Sale** by the Ladies of Faith. Orders are being taken now through October 15<sup>th</sup>. Harvesting will be late October with delivery in early November. Payment can be made in advance or when picking up pecans. Proceeds earned from the pecan sale are donated to the church. Past sales have helped fund HVAC and kitchen updates. *Register in the pew pad* or call Lorraine Young (804-748-6852) to order (\$12.00 per pound for halves or pieces). *Please make checks payable to Ladies of Faith.*

**Dinner for Six or Eight:** Couples and singles gather once a month October-November and January-May at a host home (who provides the meat and beverage). Others bring an appetizer (optional), bread, salad, vegetables, or dessert. Each month, someone else in the group hosts. Don't be shy...it may be any combination of up to 8 people, singles and couples. Once the groups are assigned, the host will contact you to schedule the first dinner and plan the meal. *If interested, please register in the pew pad and indicate if you are willing to host.* POC: Mary Musselwhite (804-330-0014)

**Stephen Ministry:** Stephen Ministers Are Care-Givers, God Is the Cure-Giver The role of our Stephen Ministers is to give care. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people for as long as the need persists. God works in and through them to bring hope and healing. If you are feeling lonely, experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or simply stressed by everyday life, please call Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529 to learn more about Stephen Ministry. Vince D'Agostino at 804-461-8529.



**Backpack Ministry:** Our Backpack Ministry is going strong! We are helping currently helping 45 children each weekend. How can you help? Food donations or cash donations are always appreciated! There are specials at Kroger and Food Lion during the time frame of 9/20 to 9/26 (specials run Wednesday to Tuesday each week). At Kroger – if you buy 5 of these items they are only 99¢ each – Chef Boyardee Pasta or Kroger 16 oz. creamy peanut butter. (Must also use your Kroger card.) At Food Lion, they have Knorr sides for \$1 each when using your Food Lion valued customer card. Look on the back of the package and get the ones that have serving size of 2.5. Donations can be placed in the Backpack bin in our Missions closet. We appreciate your help!